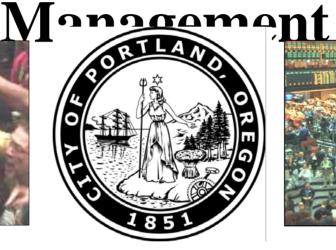
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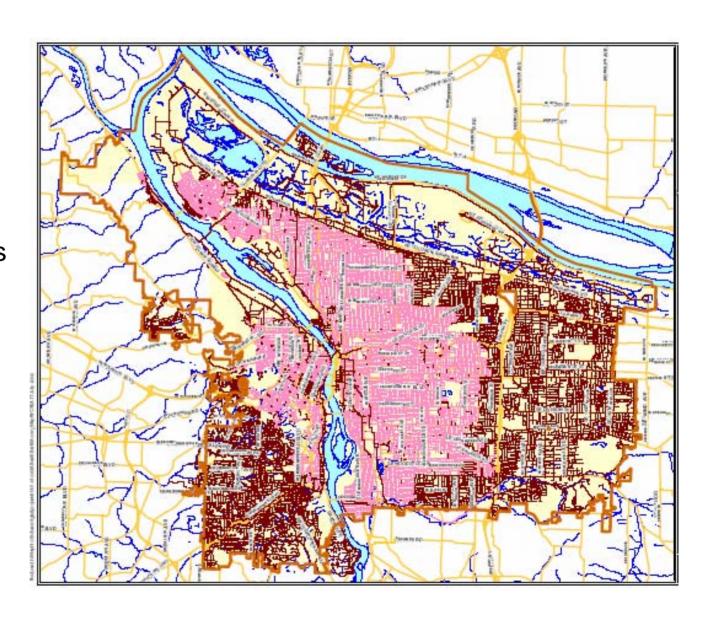




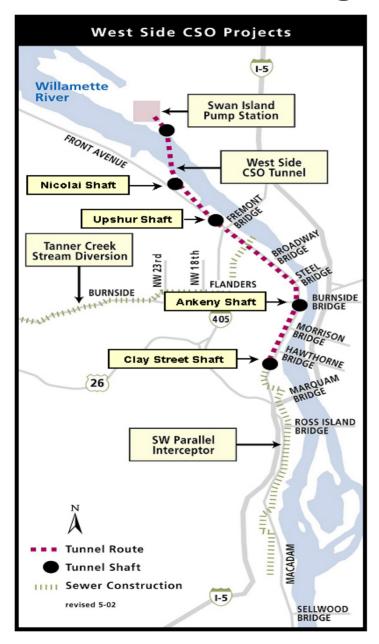


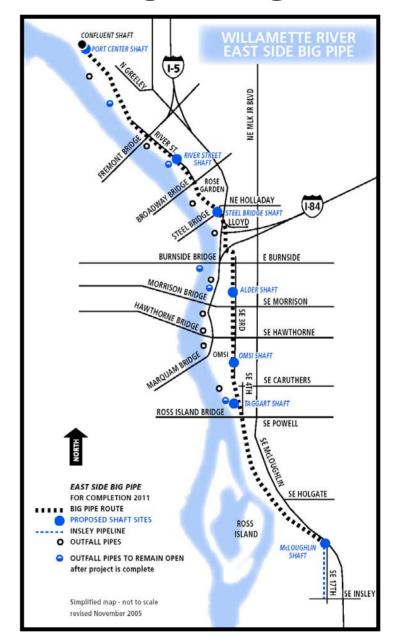
Portland's Stormwater System

- 861 miles of combined sewers (pink)
- 932 miles of separated sanitary sewers (red)

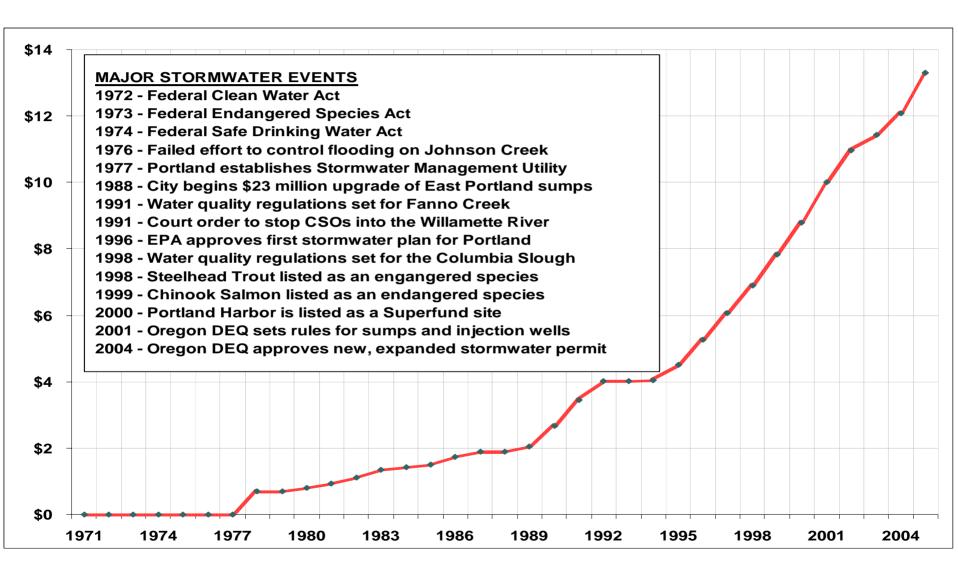


Portland's "Big Pipe" Isn't Big Enough





Monthly Household Stormwater User Fee



Project Overview

Phase One Feasibility

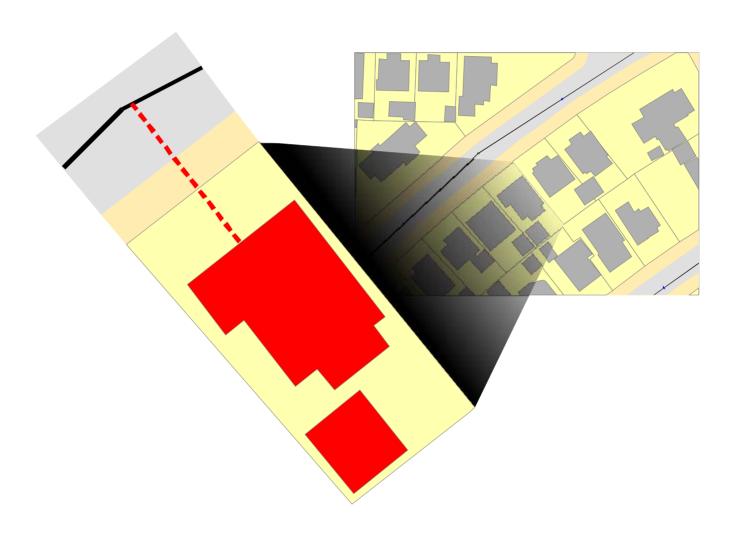
Phase Two
Market
Analysis

Phase Three Pilot Test

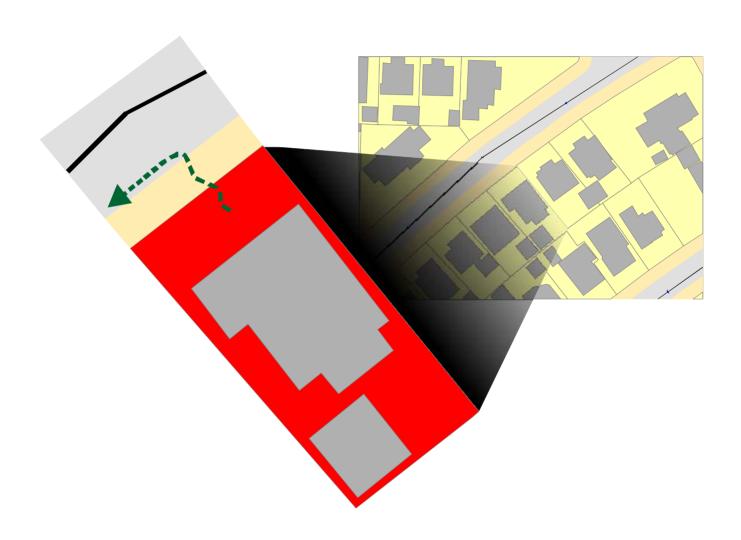
Project Support Tools

- Explicit model for combined sewer systems
- GRID model for pollutant load estimation
- Stormwater BMP effectiveness evaluation
- Simplified scenario evaluation tool

Directly Connected Subcatchments



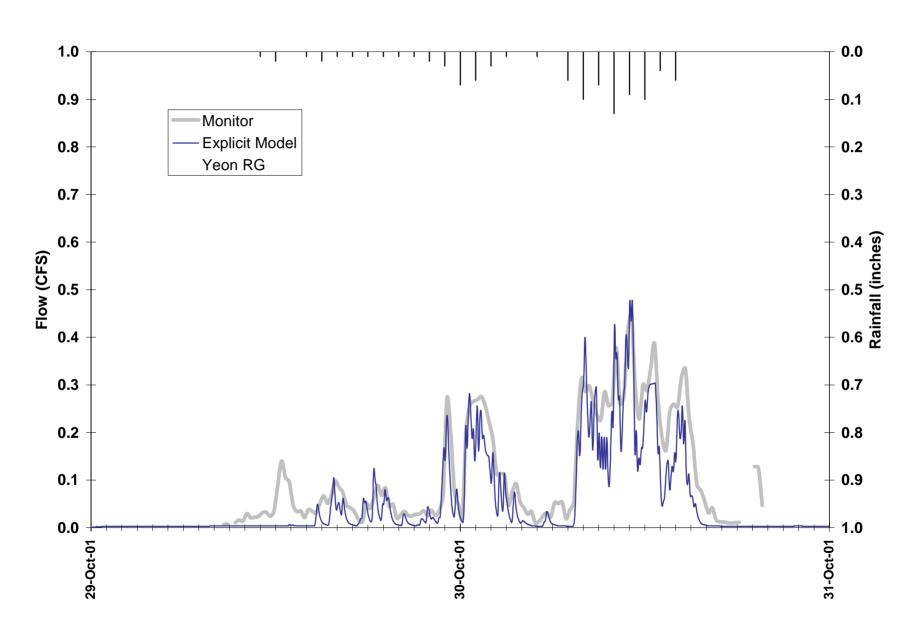
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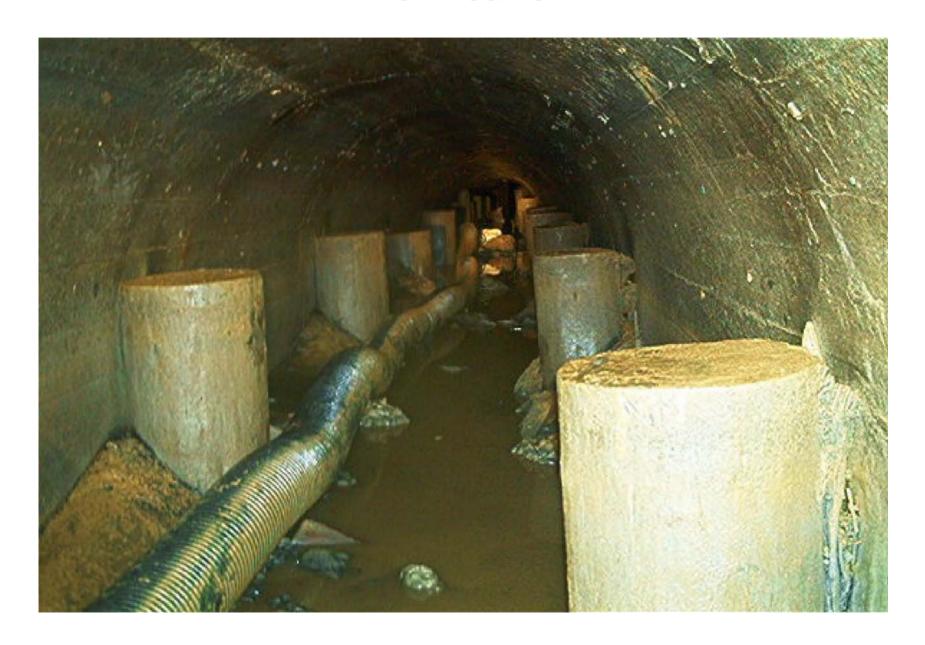
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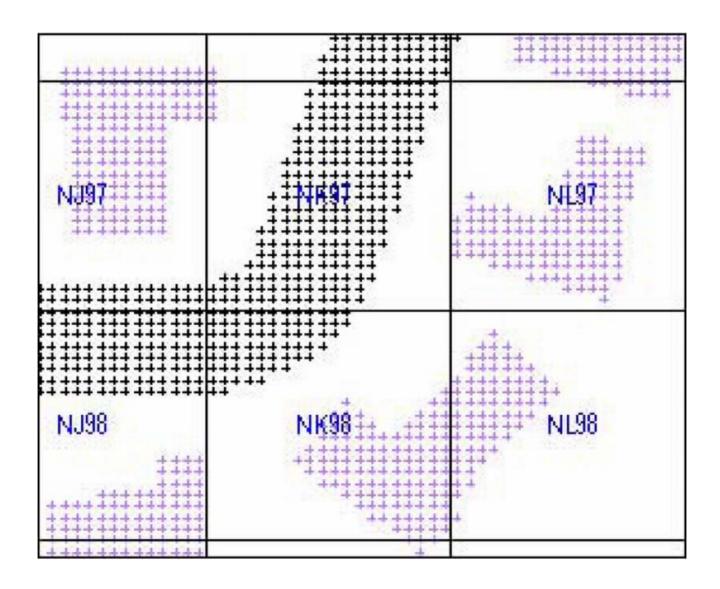
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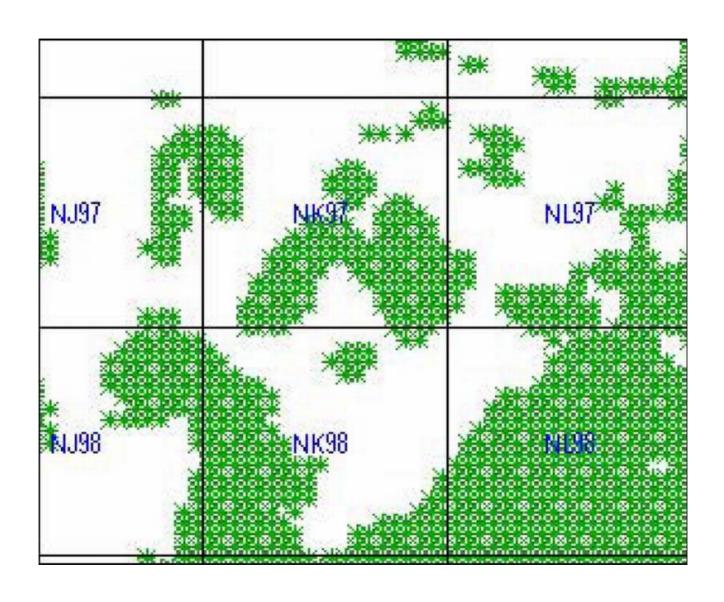
Example Residential Area in 200 ft. Grids



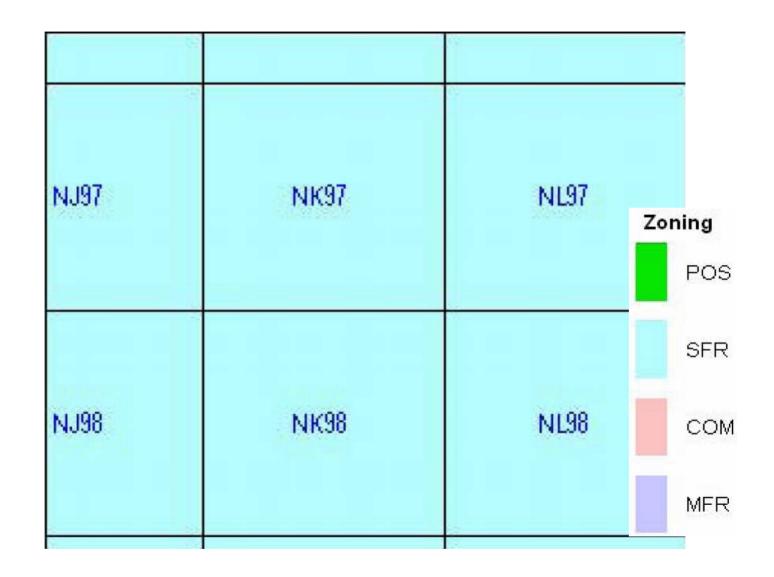
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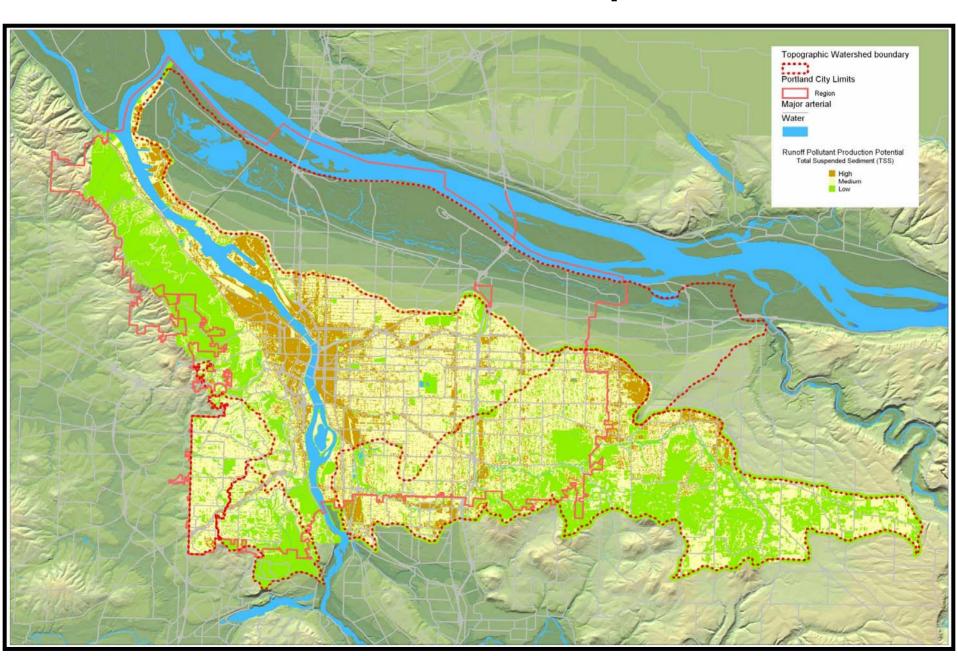
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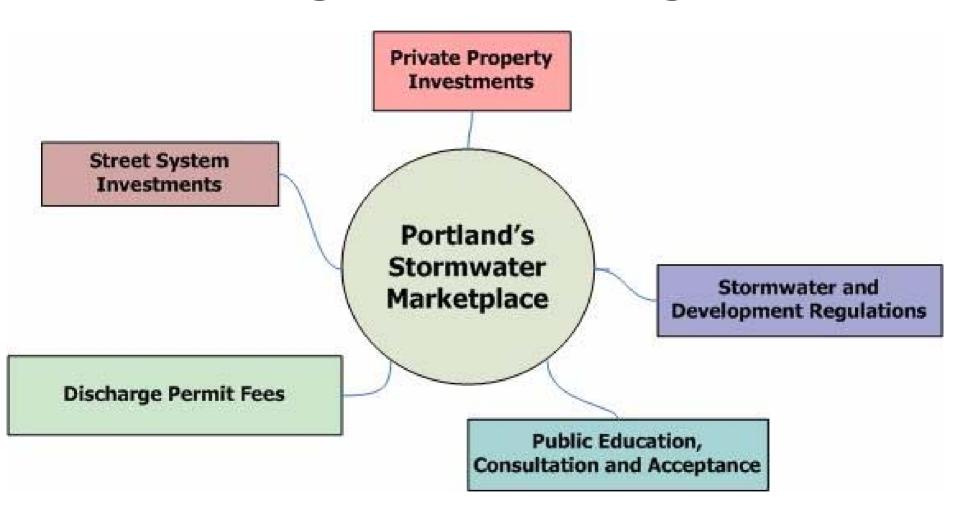
GRID Model Output

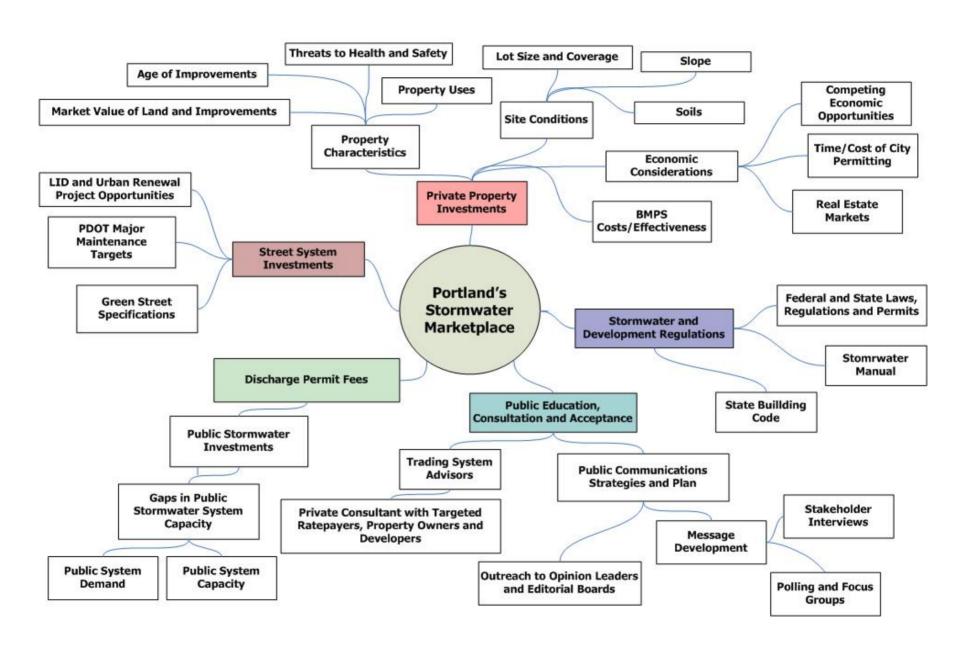


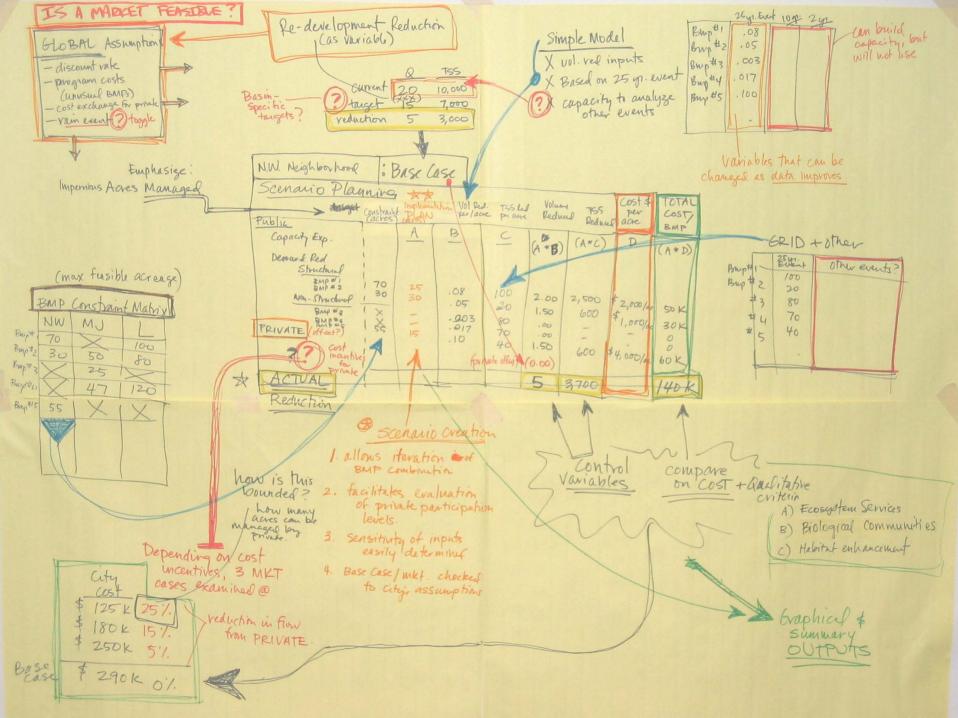
BMP Effectiveness Evaluation

- Master spreadsheet by BMP collected/derived information for all BMPs
 - Structural, non-structural, instream
 - Variety of pollutants and conditions
 - Information sources
 - Range of BMP effectiveness values and associated conditions at extremes
 - Default values
 - Qualifications
 - Certainty (H, M, L)

Putting the Pieces Together







Next Steps...

- Evaluation Tool Development
 - Establish inputs (BMP constraints, performance, costs)
- Development of Base Case
 - Establish base case (current plan)
 - Input into and test evaluation tool (calibrate as needed)
- Development of Market Case
 - Establish market case
 - Input into evaluation tool
- Marketplace Strategies Evaluation
- Base Case and Market Case Comparison

Surprising Results

- Challenge of documenting project costs
 - Site issues/perspectives create significant variation
- Challenge of documenting benefits
 - Site issues/treatment trains create significant variation
- Smaller scale analysis not always easier
 - Fewer planned BMPs reduced power of analysis
- More interest in markets than models
 - Quantification must precede policy but...





How CNS Has Helped

- Allowed work to proceed
 - Work would not be done without the grant
- Increased visibility
 - Interest in/knowledge of ecosystem services increased
- Created collaboration among city bureaus
 - Engineers and planners working together to conduct analysis
- Provided networking opportunities
 - Contacts in Maryland, Ohio, Washington(s), Michigan





Desired Feedback

- Help documenting/checking assumptions
 - How can we reduce the level of uncertainty?
- How best to create regulatory flexibility
 - How can we get regulatory agencies to experiment?
- How to simplify the presentation of the project
 - How can we make the project relevant to regular folks?
- Thoughts on greatest threats/risks of approach
 - What are we neglecting or forgetting?



